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March 15, 2004

President Cathy Woolard and Members of Atlanta City Council City Hall, Suite 2900 South 68 Mitchell St., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Downtown Advisory Board Appointment

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Whitney C. Kelly to serve as a member of the Westside TAD Downtown Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two** (2) years.

I am confident that the Whitney C. Kelly will serve the Westside TAD Downtown Advisory Board with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely.

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# WHITNEY C. KELLY

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Scrior Project Manager-Economic Development

Contral Atlanta Progress Inc., Atlanta, GA

February 2003-Present

- Coordinate Retail Marketing Study for the Downtown area and the Peachtree Street corridor
- Business Recruitment and Retention Initiative: Contact several large retailers to consider downtown for a new location, meet with prospective recruits to promote a downtown location, and promoted individual sites for tedevelopment.
- Work with property owners and managers to create a visual presence in vacant storefronts windows.
- Promote the creation of a Downtown Health and Bioscience District in the downtown Atlanta area for additional incubator and post-incubator lab space for biotechnology companies
- Promote the establishment of the Eastside Tax Allocation District (TAD)
- Project assistatice and coordination with the City on redevelopment projects within the Downtown area.

#### Planner II-Advance Planning Division

City of Champaign, IL Planning Department

August 2000 - January 2003

- Promoted the Economic Redevelopment of the City of Champaign's older commercial areas, including the City of Champaign's Downtown Area, through the use of Tax Increment Financing (TTF) Districts that included providing Redevelopment Incentive Program Grants to promote the renovation of older urban buildings for residential, office, and tetail uses; and Streetscape Improvements.
- Project Manager for the Downtown Plan Update
- Lead Planner on subdivision projects and the vacation of Public Right-Of-Way within major project areas.
- Worked with ACCION Chicago, a non-profit micro-lending institution, to provide lending services in the Champaign area.

Graduate Assistant, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning

Jackson State University, Jackson MS

August 1998 - May 2000

# Intern-Jackson Community Design Center

Mississippi State University, School of Architecture Jackson, MS

Summer 1999

Intern-Jackson Medical Education District Jackson, MS

January 1999 - June 1999

EDUCATION

Basic Economic Development Course

Georgia Institute of Technology

April 2003

Economic Development Finance Certification Program

National Development Council

Completed in April 2002

- ED 101 Economic Development Finance
- ED 202 Business Credit Analysis
- ED 202 Real Estate Finance
- ED 300 The Art of Deal Structuring

Master of Arts -Utban and Regional Planning

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

1998-2000

- Thesis- Developing Downtown Housing: Evaluating Proposals for Jackson, Mississippi
- Vice-President (1998) and President (1999) of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Student Planning Association
- Assisted in the organization and implementation of the First Annual Freedom Colloquium. Department of Urban and Regional Planning, JSU

Bachelor of Science - Chemistry

Beihaven College, Jackson, MS

1992-1995

# REFERENCES

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